

# VT Division for Historic Preservation

## A Selection of Historic Maps & Atlases Available for Downloading from Internet and other Assorted Good Information....

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Entries have been checked and are live as of 7/2011.

- **Library of Congress, historic Vermont maps on-line:**

LOC has 100 + Vermont historic maps in digital format – you just have to get used to the navigational tool....

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>

- The Library of Congress has scanned in numerous bird's eye and panoramic views (presumably mostly 19th century). You can search by state and name of town:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/gmdhome.html>

or go straight to Vermont Index:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/citymapPlaces13.html>

- Library of Congress (LOC) panoramic maps on the web:  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pmhtml/panhome.html>
- Library of Congress web site includes early French maps for Lake Champlain that show what is known about New France and also the territories of the various "Indian" tribes.

Under *Discovery and Exploration* section:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/dsxphome.html>

- LOC has scanned historic railroad maps of the Northeastern US.  
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/rrhtml/rrmap.html>

- **The Vermont Secretary of State's home page.**

The Archives site includes information on statewide elections from the 18th century to present; campaign finance information; copies of Vermont's three state constitutions; lists of state officers, as well as information on archival management, records grants, etc. One recent addition is "continuing issues of government" which provides records-based information on, and context for, various current issues:

<http://vermont-archives.org/research/>

- **University of Vermont Historic Preservation Program.**

Information about historic Burlington, Vermont, ca. 1830, courtesy of the UVM Historic Preservation Program:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~histpres/HPJ/burl1830/index.html>

- **University of New Hampshire Dimond Library Government Documents Department & Data Center. Historic USGS Maps of New England & New York.**

Complete set of historic 15 minute series of USGS maps for Vermont and the rest of New England that date to about the turn of the century:

<http://docs.unh.edu/nhtopos/nhtopos.htm>

- **Vermont Map Collection, a companion site to Vermont Genealogy Resources.**

Not sure how useful but someone went to a lot of trouble to hand draw these historic maps. No building level detail (that I found), rather, broader brush geographic detail.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~vermontgenealogyresources/Maps/Index.htm>

- **Early Vermont maps, by Robert Raymond.**

A neat assortment of digitized historic maps for **Lincoln and Bristol, Vermont**, and a few other Vermont maps.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~raymondfamily/Vermont/VermontMaps.html>

- **David Rumsey Map Collection.**

A fascinating site with remarkable maps. I don't think there is Vermont map data but let me know if you find any.

<http://www.davidrumsey.com/directory/where/North+America/>

- **MAPTECH, the map server for GSA/USGS.**

Seem to have a wealth of modern and historic maps but I have not studied the site's contents.  
<http://historical.maptech.com/historic.cfm>

- **US Gen Web Archives.**

Interesting site with lots of random digital information for Vermont.  
<http://usgwarchives.org/>

- **VT Agency of Natural Resources. Digital Surficial and Bedrock Geologic Maps.**

Digital bedrock and surficial geology maps are available for parts of Vermont.  
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo/digitofr.htm>

see also:

<http://geology.er.usgs.gov/eespteam/vtp/vermont.html>

- **Vermont Geological Survey.**

Centennial Geologic Map of Vermont, Charles G. Doll, Ed., 1961 is now available on-line.  
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo/centmap.htm>

- **A variety of other Vermont geological maps on-line.**  
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/geo/mapsonlineinx.htm>

- **Sanborn® Fire Insurance Maps, 1867-1970.**

The Vermont Historical Society provides access to a collection of digital Sanborn fire insurance maps from Vermont for the period 1867-ca. 1948 **for its members**. Members must have a membership number to enter this site. Sanborn maps show detailed footprints of buildings in settled areas of the state; they do not cover rural areas or indicate the names of residents.

<http://www.vermonthistory.org/index.php/library/research-resources-online/sanborn-maps.html>

For a related, detailed and very interesting article re the digital Sanborns, read:  
<http://www.dlib.org/dlib/july02/arlightsch/07arlightsch.html>

- **Middlebury College Digital Historic Map Resources.**

The College has a marvelous collection of digitized historic Vermont maps.

<http://middarchive.middlebury.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/vtmaps>

- **Large array of digitalized Vermont maps (including all 1850's County Maps).**

David Allen of West Chesterfield, NH, has transferred all of the 1850s Vermont county maps from wall-sized maps to CDs which can be read by home computer. These are some of the oldest comprehensive road maps in Vermont. Old-Maps.com has digitized an enormous array of Vermont's historic maps, including the Beers and Walling maps. Many maps can be viewed free on-line, others are available for sale and download..

<http://www.old-maps.com/vermont.htm>

- **Other digital map data.**

The above list does not include the incredible treasure-trove of digital maps and imagery available from the Vermont Center for Geographic Information:

<http://www.vcgi.org/mapcenter/>

Or soil maps available from USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (using the most current Vermont Digital Ortho-photograph imagery as a background)

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>